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7 December 1959

TO: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
FROM: Chief, Economic Research Area  
SUBJECT: Activity Report for the Month of November 1959

Support Activities

Intra-Agency Support

1. During November ORR support for OCI involved preparation of articles covering agricultural developments throughout the Bloc, transport activities in China and the USSR, the Czech Five-Year Plan, and Bloc economic activity in India, Greece, the industrial west, Ethiopia and the UAR. Contributions were also made to two issues of the OCI publication, "Survey of Recent Communist Policies and Activities." Support for



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2. DDI/DCI support included preparation of NSC/OCB Briefing contributions on Soviet missile production, Latin America, China, and the Bloc harvest.

3. [ ] Ch/E, and [ ] Ch/D/A, accompanied the DCI at his presentation before the Subcommittee on Economic Statistics of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. The Director's statement on Soviet Economic Growth was prepared by ERA.

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4. A/U prepared a special report for [ ] on "Feasibility of Budgetary Controls as an Arms Control Measure." In addition, this material plus other background material was provided to [ ]

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Extra-Agency Support

5. [ ] Ch/E, supported by material prepared by A/E, briefed the Honorable Edward Page, Jr., Minister-designate to Bulgaria, on the current economic situation in the area.

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6. Ad hoc USIB Watch Committee support requirements have declined consistently since the "Spirit of Camp David" came in to being. In November, such support has generally concerned the situation in Poland and East Germany and the Bloc arms trade with Asia and Africa.

7. In response to Senator Javits' request to the DCI, D/A is preparing a study -- with contributions from State and Defense -- on "Costs and Benefits to the Soviet Union in its Alliances Compared to the United States and its Alliances."

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9. S/TD developed a list of companies engaged in the Argentine borax trade for the use of the Departments of the Treasury (Foreign Assets Control), and Commerce to determine whether U.S. interests are involved in Bloc trade in borax.

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10. [ ] I/EE, continued to provide intelligence support on economic defense matters in connection with the 1959 COCOM list review. [ ]

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11. [ ] I/PE, participated in a meeting called by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to discuss information developed by OSD analysts on Soviet production of high-speed grinding machines which appeared to contradict intelligence previously supplied by I/PE for the COCOM fact sheet. [ ] satisfied this interagency group that I/PE had already considered the information in question and that it did not change the CIA evaluation of Soviet capabilities in this field.

12. A number of visitors [ ] were briefed by appropriate MRA branches during the month.

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33. Chief, D/I, participated in a discussion with representatives of Strategic Air Command in connection with SAC's program to computerize the recovery and analysis of intelligence information. This system is supposed to be operationally feasible around 1964.

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34. M/CH report, CIA/RR [ ] "Survey of Activities in East Germany Relating to Chemical Rocket Propellants", 2 August 1959, S., was reprinted as the lead article in the FORAD Weekly Intelligence Review, 25 September 1959.

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